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Tennis Team Wins at Hamilton

Last Tuesday the Hamilton tennis team defeated Colgate on Whitnall Field by a score of four matches to two. The team was crippled by the absence of Day and Richardson, but put up a good game and succeeded in winning after a hard fight. Colgate started in with a rush and won the first match, the King brothers defeating Mills and Sherman. Sicard won his match from Green and evened matters up. Sherman beat Haddon and Mills beat O. King, thus putting Hamilton in the lead 3 to 1. The other doubles were closely contested, Sicard and Sherman finally winning after some good tennis on both sides. E. C. Day lost to C. King, and the final score stood 4-2.

The score in detail follows:

King brothers beat Sherman and Mills, 6-4, 7-5.

Sicard and Sherman beat Greene and Haddon, 10-8, 6-1.

Sicard beat Greene, 6-0, 6-4.

Miles beat O. King, 6-2, 6-1.

Sherman beat Haddon, 6-2, 7-5.

C. King beat E. C. Day, 9-7, 1-6, 6-2.

The College tournament was finished this week. Sicard, '06, winning the championship for another year. He defeated Mills, '05, in the semi-finals, 12-10, 6-3, and Sherman in the finals, 6-2, 6-0, 6-2. A Pim racket goes to the winner.

Richardson, '05, and Purdy, '06, have been obliged to endure considerable scurrying because of their missing the train. The managerial department does seem to have its trouble, almost all the time, though on this occasion it must blame that cheese sandwich and cold milk. Russell endeavored to make good by driving clear to Hamilton, where he arrived, mud-bespattered, breathless, ill-humored and generally disgusted, just too late to get in the game. "Bill" cooled his heels at home. It's fine.

A match with Colgate on the campus is scheduled, and others are talked of, but the approach of exam. week must soon end a very creditable and successful season.

The Neophyte's Millennium.

Last Saturday night the final mystic rites of the D. T. Club were celebrated in Clinton, Utica, elsewhere and on the road. The life of the neophytes for the past few weeks has not been along too flowery paths, but at last the candidates have scraped their way through the thorns and splinters of the hedges and have whiffed the fragrance of the sacred, phosphorescent rose.

The crowd began to assemble in the Park at about half after five. The circus promptly organized. "Rog" Sherman and "Fat" Williams hoisted themselves to a precarious footing on the monument, whence they proclaimed to the neighboring townships the wonders and assinities of the remainder of the troupe, which at that time was enjoying a cooling and exhilarating game of leap-frog about the circumference of the Park. The less musical of the crowd essayed to serenade "Doc" Fitch and others on the Clinton Hotel balcony. A garbage department was formed to cast away Floyd King's refuse and old boxes. "Freddie" Haggerson made a careful canvass of the Square and is now to be recommended as a walking directory for Clinton. The neophytes were highly successful in demonstrating their superior foolishness and absolute imbecility, so much so, in fact, that the gang was heartily glad to take the 6:15 car for "Ute."

The car was abandoned at the Fort Schuyler Club, where the bebibbed Freshmen took up the oft-trod line of march to the "But." After a short military drill, some representative oratory and a superb cacaphony, the crowd trooped up to dinner. Victuals, wit and time all had wings. At nine o'clock the return trip to Clinton was made, where the final ceremonial of the obsequies was enacted. Let us draw the curtain on the sad sight.

The initiates still exist, though somewhat worse for wear.

Ferris Re-elected Captain.

On Wednesday noon the baseball team faced Photographer Gibbons. The team was made up of the following men: Nellis, '06, Manager; Capt. Ferris, '06, c. f.; Stiles, '05, l. f.; Bramley, '06, c. and 1 b.; LeMunyan, '06, 2 b.; Sherman, '06, r. f.; Haven, '06, p.; Brown, '07, 1 b.; Haggerson, '08, 3 b. Clark, '08, s. s.; Sherman, '08, p.; White, '08, c.

After the picture had been taken the annual election of captain was held, which resulted in the re-election of Ferris, '06. The captain-elect has played on the team for three years, Freshman and Sophomore years in right field, this season in centre. As captain, during the past season, Ferris has gained the confidence of the team and College, and his renewed captaincy is both deserved and popular.

An Item of Possible Interest.

At Spring Lake, New Jersey, a bureau will be maintained during the summer months for the information of college and college fraternity men, who spend the whole or a part of their vacation on the New Jersey coast from Atlantic Highlands to Seaside Park. All college men are invited to inform the College Summer Headquarters of their arrival at any of the shore towns indicated, with facts as to their college, class and fraternity, and their address for their stay, with the duration of their visit. This information will be kept on file in the public school building at Spring Lake, across the park from the railroad station and directly on the trolley line. The school building will be open daily from eleven to twelve, Saturdays excepted, when college men will be welcomed there to meet friends or to look over the information received, or those in charge will be glad to send any information on file in answer to a written request addressed to College Summer Headquarters, Spring Lake, New Jersey. By this means college men may be able to locate friends and so render a summer visit to the New Jersey coast a greater pleasure.

Prof. Smyth Called to Princeton

On Tuesday morning the *Utica Press* announced that Professor Smyth, head of the Department of Mineralogy and Geology in Hamilton College, had been called to fill a chair of geology in Princeton University. This is in pursuance of Princeton's new policy of having a larger faculty and smaller sections of students. It may be stated on good authority that Dr. Smyth intends to accept this professorship and to begin his new work in New Jersey in the Fall.

Professor Smyth is a graduate of this College in the class of 1888, when he received the degree of Ph. B. with Phi Beta Kappa standing. In 1890 he received a Ph. D. from Columbia, and the next year, 1891, he was elected Stone Professor of Geology and Mineralogy in this College, where he has since continuously taught. He is now one of the recognized authorities in his subject.

Dr. Smyth's health has withstood our rigorous climate only with the greatest care on his part and doubtless this fact has had weight in his decision to accept this offer from Princeton. Although comparatively few men have elected in his department, owing to its rather technical work, the entire undergraduate body will be more than sorry to see a new man as head of this department. Dr. Smyth has been earnest and faithful as a professor, and has very justly won the respect and regard of all those whose privilege it has been to study under him.

Although we bemoan our own hard fortune in being compelled to lose Prof. Smyth, we cannot help congratulating Princeton on her exceptional good fortune in securing for herself a man of such character and fine scholarship. While we shall miss him here, we wish him all success and good fortune as Professor of Geology in Princeton University.

College Men in Politics.

The College Men's Political Association of New York City, which has now entered upon its second year of work, was formed to encourage college men to take an active and practical interest in politics. It is entirely non-partisan, numbering among its members men of all parties.

The organization of the Association grew out of a meeting of college men at

the home of President Roosevelt in Oyster Bay some years ago, which meeting was called to discuss ways and means of bringing about a more widespread interest in politics among college men.

The Association works along two lines. It has suggested the organization of political clubs in the colleges; and already, largely through its instrumentality, such clubs have been formed at Brown, Dartmouth, Princeton, Williams and Yale; at several other institutions work preparatory to organizing a club is now being done; at Harvard the Association has co-operated with the Harvard Political Club; and the Cornell Congress is planning to do work in Cornell next year similar to what is now being done by the Harvard Club and, at various times, speakers of prominence from New York City have addressed these clubs upon matters of practical, political interest. The Association is making a systematic effort to bring the college graduate into touch with the New York district leaders of the party to which he belongs. Last year letters were sent to all seniors of whom the Association could learn who were planning to settle in New York; and, as the result, a large number of them were brought into direct relation with the leaders of the Democratic and Republican parties in and near the city. In this way these men were able to learn something about practical politics more quickly than they otherwise could have done.

The office of the Association is at 32 Nassau street, Room 552, and its facilities are at the service of any college men coming to New York. All such men, whether they desire to avail themselves of the services of the Association or not, are urged to send their names, with their home and New York addresses, to the secretary, in order that the Association may notify them from time to time of opportunities for political service which are brought to its attention, and also that it may preserve as complete a list as possible of the college men in the City.

The officers for the current year are as follows: President, Mr. Austen G. Fox, Harvard, '69; Treasurer, George T. Adey, Yale, '95; Secretary, Harry D. Nims, Williams, '98; Executive Committee, F. Gordon Brown, Yale, '01; R. Bayard Cutting, Harvard, '97; Frederick P. Keppel, Columbia, '98, and Travis Whitney, Harvard, '00.

The New Lit.

The first issue of the new *Lit.* will be published next week provided that bugbear the *Alumniana* materializes in due time. The cover is to be buff with Old English lettering in blue ink. The Board is making conscious efforts to produce a magazine that will at least start the volume in creditable shape and several changes in the *format* have been planned to make the *Lit.* more attractive.

Among the Colleges.

Sigma Delta Sigma, recently organized at Wisconsin, draws its members from both men and women students. Its career will be watched with great interest by the college world.

The New York State committee of selection for the Rhodes Scholarship, consisting of President Butler, of Columbia, President Raymond, of Union, and President Schurmann, of Cornell, has awarded the scholarship this year to Ralph C. Willard, of Watertown, a graduate of Hobart College in the class of 1904. He is at present an assistant instructor in history at Cornell. He will enter Oxford this fall as a member of the second class of Rhodes scholars to be sent to that university from America.

A movement to raise \$2,500,000 for Princeton University to install a system of tutors and preceptors to enable the teaching of students in small groups has been inaugurated by the trustees.

After many years of self denial, Harvard has at last gone over to the system of paid coaches. She now hires professional supervisors for every branch of her athletics.

A remarkable fact in the history of Dartmouth College football is that of the thirty-eight games played during the past four years she has lost but four.

Professor Starr, of the University of Chicago, a Lafayette graduate, has been experimenting with members of his class upon a substitute for tobacco, a dried plant from Mexico. It has a strange effect upon the eyes of the smoker, making him unable to see what is going on around him. "But there is nothing harmful about the weed," says Professor Starr.

Andrew Carnegie is reported as promising \$500,000 to the University of Virginia, provided an equal amount is raised by others.

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THE DEPARTURE of Prof. Smyth will deprive us of one of the very best men on the Faculty and of one whose work was highly popular with the students. Already many of the fellows who had elected his work for next fall, have begun to revise their schedules. This is a sufficient evidence of his great popularity as an instructor. We sincerely hope that he will be as successful in the new field he has chosen as he has been here on the Hill.

THE INTERSCHOLASTIC BANNER awarded to Syracuse High School has been the cause of much trouble and correspondence. The decision to give a banner was made so late that it could not be ordered till after the meet. Other delays, due to trouble in finding satisfactory makers, added to the time lost. Now, however, the bauble is on the way and the difficulty can be cleared up. It has been very disagreeable to the management not to have been able to turn the banner over at once, as should be done hereafter.

THE VARIOUS MANAGERS are endeavoring to close up accounts for the season and every one should help them by paying subscriptions promptly. The baseball team, we understand, has had a fairly prosperous season. Track is in the hole to about the extent of the coach's salary. The season was disastrous owing to the expensive Rochester trip. Tennis did well in attracting money and has a surplus. The Interscholastic was a greater expense to us this year than ever before, owing to the smaller crowd, and this will drain the general fund. At any rate, pay up!

SIGMA DELTA SIGMA, the recently organized fraternity society at the University of Wisconsin, we fear will see some wild times before its life is many moons old. Just vault on Pegasus and picture the initiation ceremonies. Will there be any legislative restrictions on the use of the grip? At all events we hope the society will not degenerate into a mere matrimonial market, but we fear the women have taken the initiative with dire intent.

THE RECENT D. T. INITIATION was accompanied by much corporeal punishment; at least outward signs all bear toward the "oaken stave" as the base on which many a poor Freshman's troubles rest. While it is admitted that a certain amount of this discipline is necessary to produce a properly drilled D. T., still all good things must have a limit, and many believe that the recent initiation came close to the boundary line. It was the first real good chance which the Sophomores have had to get back at any members of the Freshman class and they did it with a vim, a snap and a thud which will be remembered by the chosen members of 1908 for several days.

EARLY IN THE BASEBALL season several of the players of the Utica Free Academy team were relieved of various small sums of money left in the dressing room of our gym. The management of our team immediately gave it out that the loss would be made good to the visitors. The matter passed into oblivion and has slumbered for two months. Now, late in June, the various fraternities are each requested to vote the management a dollar and some odd cents in order to repay the Utica players. The baseball management has had a good schedule. Its expenses have not been over-burdening and this present course seems rather out of the regular to say the least. We fail to see why such a course of proceedings is necessary. It was the duty of the management to make the matter right with Utica immediately after the unpleasant incident occurred. The action would then have been most commendable. Now the feather edge is worn off. The courtesy which we could have shown is turned into bare formality. Similar misfortunes have occurred to our teams while visiting other colleges during the past year, and in every case immediate action has been taken in our behalf. Why then should we be tardy in righting this delicate incident?

OUR OWN FACULTY cannot be so bad when we consider that Prof. Smyth has been called to Princeton, that Prof. Wood was called but did not choose, and that both Dr. Squires and Prof. Ibbotson are wanted at the Auburn Theological Seminary. Our tutors are in demand. We're glad of that, but it pleases us more to think that three out of four prefer to stay on the Hill.

A MOVEMENT is on foot to interest the Faculty and perhaps the Trustees in the expansion of the college through a scientific course leading to the degree of B. S. There has been no official action, nor anything like it, but certain members of the Faculty have declared themselves in favor of such a change and the idea has been widely discussed by the undergraduates. The scheme would provide for more extensive equipment for scientific work, would eliminate the classics from the entrance requirements, and would provide a thoroughly ample scientific training though without intensive specialization.

There are of course two sides to the question: first, that the College would have to break away from its traditions, its past and its fame as an old-fashioned classical college and would lose the unique prestige that it enjoys thence. The flavor of our boasted liberal training would be flattened without a doubt. On the other hand there can be no doubt that the number of applications for entrance would greatly increase. Prep. schools, nowadays, are not turning out a majority of men fitted to enter a classical college. Too many students drop the classics or never take them up, thus preventing them from entering a college that otherwise appeals to them. You may say that their lack of judgment is their own fault, but doesn't it hurt the college, too? Many colleges have decided in the affirmative, and Williams, Amherst and other old-time academic colleges have opened their doors to candidates for a B. S. Colgate has an English course, not at all analagous, however, for a man can enter that course from the average tenth grade, but it shows the same tendency.

It is a grave question; largely, we confess, a conflict between numbers and what we have, at least in the past, believed to be better, an old-fashioned college education. *Tempora mutantur.* Conditions cannot always be stable, and before many years this question will not only be alive but kicking.

Schedule of Examinations.

MONDAY, JUNE 19, 9 A. M.

Juniors—Chemistry.

Sophomores—Chemistry, L. S. Applications of Trig.

Freshmen—Greek, Ex. Hall.

2 P. M.

Juniors—Logic.

Sophomores—Physiology.

TUESDAY, JUNE 20, 9 A. M.

Juniors—History of Med. Europe, Embryology.

Sophomores—Greek, Embryology, L. S.

Freshmen—Latin.

2 P. M.

Juniors—History of Psychology.

Sophomores—Syst. Botany, L. S.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21, 9 A. M.

Juniors—Economics, Latin.

Sophomores—Origin of the Bible.

Freshmen—Trigonometry.

2 P. M.

Juniors—German, Geology and Mineralogy.

Sophomores—Latin, German, L. S.

THURSDAY, JUNE 22, 9 A. M.

Juniors—Greek.

Sophomores—English Lit., Calculus.

Freshmen—German, Cl. and L. S., Ex. Hall.

2 P. M.

Juniors—English Lit., Old English.

Freshmen—Synonym and Definition.

FRIDAY, JUNE 23, 9 A. M.

Juniors—American History, Old Eng.

Sophomores—German Cl.

Freshmen—German, L. S. b. and c.

2 P. M.

Freshman—German, Cl. and L. S., a. Ex. Hall.

SATURDAY, JUNE 24, 9 A. M.

Juniors—Epistle to the Romans.

Sophomores—Physics, Ex. Hall.

Freshmen—Life of Christ.

Baseball Schedule.

Apr. 26—U. F. A. 1, Hamilton 16.

May 1—St. Lawrence 5, Hamilton 13.

6—Union 12, Hamilton 3.

8—Rochester 14, Hamilton 11.

13—Colgate 7, Hamilton 5.

16—Hobart 0, Hamilton 3.

25—Syracuse 6, Hamilton 2.

26—Hobart 4, Hamilton 8.

27—Rochester 6, Hamilton 5.

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6—Colgate 10, Hamilton 2.

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College Notes.

—Church, '02, visited the Hill last Saturday.

—Brandt, '04, has returned to the Hill for the summer.

—Landers, '03, has been spending the week on the Hill.

—Getman, ex-'07, blew in at the D. T. Banquet and was on the Hill over Sunday.

—Another old clothes man "got his" Wednesday. Gilbert was main expurgator.

—A picture of the baseball squad was taken Wednesday afternoon in front of the "Gym."

—Durkee, '03, is visiting on the Hill. He blew in with that blast of heat, Thursday afternoon.

—Part of the final examination for the Freshmen on "Synonym and Definition" was held Thursday.

—Freer, ex-'07, who is taking the law course at Cornell, was on the Hill for a short time Wednesday.

—Several of the paths on the southeast corner of the campus have been sodded and seeded for a lawn.

—The Freshmen team defeated the baseball aggregation of Rix-Utica Academy last Saturday by a score of 5 to 4.

—In celebration of the anniversary of the adoption of the American flag, July 14, 1777, the big flag was hoisted Wednesday.

—Notwithstanding the threats of "the powers that be," the inhabitants of Carnegie are still supplied with hot water.

—Mills now holds the third place on the tennis team, having challenged and defeated Richardson for that position.

—Simmons, '08, was unceremoniously hustled into the fountain Wednesday morning by members of his own class.

—Fellows are now chasing around with bare arms and shoulders, anxiously seeking a tan. Some are getting more than that.

—"Square" says that some of the Freshmen will have to make 13 every time to get into the exam. They have our sympathy.

—The tennis tournament with Cornell has been cancelled by Cornell, the reason being that their best men have gone home for the summer.

—The Freshmen's sleeveless jerseys, which were ordered a couple of weeks ago, have arrived. They are in the class colors, black with red numerals.

—Keep your rooms locked when you are out. Thirty dollars was stolen out of one of the rooms in Carnegie last week while the tenant was in class.

—Judging from the amount of ducking that has been done from the dormitory windows during the last week the College water supply is in no way low.

—To convenience "Bill" Shep, who is going abroad for the summer, the final examinations in French were held Monday. As usual, several Freshmen were plucked.

—The fraternity houses down the Hill were deprived of electric lights for a short time Tuesday evening, owing to certain repairs which were being made on the wires.

—Once again we ask that the plunge be not used as a bath tub. The use of soap in this tank is forbidden by the laws of conventional decency, to say nothing of the unsanitary condition engendered by it.

—The plunge is working over-time nowadays. There one can see the swimmers illustrating everything from the launching of the latest battleship to "Diavalo's death-defying dive." It's fine.

—At last something is being done about the money stolen from the U. F. A. team. A tax has been levied on the different crowds and the losers will be reimbursed for their loss. The same thing happened to our team when they were at Union, but the Union management made it right with our men immediately.

—"Bill" Squires drew his piercing rapier-sarcasm to good effect in Logic class, Thursday, when, after announcing that there were just thirty seconds left, he called on Lawrence to recite.

—The baseball team has completed its schedule for this season. The batting averages show three men who have maintained an average of over 300: Haggerson 333, Brown 316, and Ferris 308.

—The Carnegie Rat Exterminating Trio, under the leadership of Bright, has been doing good work the past week. Thursday they were seen bravely endeavoring to drown a field mouse in a puddle in front of the Dormitory.

—"Sam" Kinney has had the "grouch that won't come off" ever since he forgot to re-lease his room in Carnegie. Bramley got it on the draw, and Brokaw captured the only other vacant room, which is to be vacated by the "Ghost."

—Part of the supposedly defunct Gun Club pulled itself together last Tuesday and held a short shoot. Several pigeons flew, but so few were plucked that it did not seem worth while to keep score. Interest has evidently waned in this once popular sport.

—A long distance telephone station has been installed at the Y. M. C. A. This is a pay station and will doubtless relieve the Commons' phone of its overworked hours. A long distance phone has long been a crying need on the Campus, and we count it among our best innovations.

—The beautiful moonlight nights we have been having this week past, while they have not been conducive to hard work, have afforded great pleasure to everybody on the Hill. The fellows have been outdoors, singing, loafing and making night hideous and wakeful with all sorts of hilarious jollity.

—Ducking has been going on for the past week with unabated vigor. At no time was it so prevalent as last Thursday. At morning chapel three men appeared with suits completely soaked. Rumors of vengeance are in the air. The only safe way is to wear rain-coats or bathing suits.

—Some of the Alpha Delts gave an impromptu informal at their hall last Saturday evening. Mahady catered. White's one-piece orchestra furnished music. The following were present: Misses Cauldwell, Edith Root, Laura Root, Williams, Sophie Williams, Washburn, Daniels, Evelyn Stryker, Sprague-smith, Ingalls, Dwight, Mrs. Oren Root, and Messrs. Stryker, Bennett, Benedict and Brokaw, '06, and Bagg, '07.

Problems for Next Year.

Dormitory room on the Campus will be cramped next fall if the incoming Freshman Class comes up to expectations. About seventy-five men are now calculated on by the authorities and the actual entry list far surpasses that of any previous year. The Registrar says that sixteen men will enter from Utica alone, and besides this several of our other strongholds are to send on big delegations.

With such a class the rooming capacity of the college will be taxed to the utmost. Almost no rooms have been leased in South College, while every room in the other dormitories was snatched up like a hot cake. South, then, will be the only outlet for the overflow.

Just what can be done to meet this situation is uncertain. It is a pity to drive men into such a ramshackle hole as South is. There is nothing alluring about the place, save the age and romance of the outside, and one look into the interior gives a man a bad bump.

Perhaps some of our moneyed alumni will be impressed with this need at Commencement and will come down heavily for a new building. Let's pray for it.

Foolishness on the Hill.

Thursday evening was a great night on the Hill. The loafers were out in force from Juniors to Freshmen. Some promiscuous ducking in the fountain was attempted without great success until Riggs appeared in his nightie and in attempting to paddle around the edge his tootsie-wootsies lost their footing and Harold shot down into the slimy, muddy depths of the basin under the spray. His bedraggled and tearful condition, when he emerged like Aphrodite from the sea, is said to have created more or less merriment. We believe it.

After a short concert by the notorious Peroxide, Pneumatic and Padded Ballad Operatic Chorus, the crowd made a strenuous effort to have the *Hamiltonian* Board set up at Commons, but as the Editor was not attired in a way that enabled him to carry money, and the Business Manager, Boyer, was too much of a financier to whet the appetites of the gang, the attention of all turned towards Alexander Thompson, Jr. Boyer finally persuaded him to blow the crowd, but he was so officious in accomplishing this result that it was

unanimously decided that Boyer would have to cough up for his own grubstake. My, what a howl arose! Alas, all in vain. "Bill" took a Dutch treat. Ask him all about it.

Meantime three-fourths of the "Buttons" enjoyed a choice little banquet, at which Kinney was the guest of honor. All in all, "Bill" Mahady had a very

lucrative evening and every one present showed excellent capacity to enjoy a joke and to be enjoyed as one.

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